

will manage for tiger salamander within the Central Campus CTS Management Area as well as perform habitat enhancement actions within the California Tiger Salamander Basin. Stanford will conduct a species monitoring program and report annually to the Service on the status of the Covered Species.

The Proposed Action was selected because satisfied the purpose and need of the EIS, met permit issuance criteria as required by section 10(a)(2)(B) of the Act and implementing regulations (50 CFR parts 13.21, 17.22, and 17.32) (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2013b), and would not result in the jeopardy of Covered Species or destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2013). The Service evaluated all alternatives relative to applicable laws, regulations, and policies and also considered relevant issues, concerns, and opportunities raised by agencies, organizations, and individuals throughout the planning and public review process.

The Revised Plan's conservation strategy will be fully funded in perpetuity, as described in Section 6.5 of the Revised Plan. The mitigation measures and monitoring and enforcement components of the Revised Plan, described in Section II above, have been adopted as part of the Service's decision. For the reasons described above, the Service's decision to select the Proposed Action is consistent with its biological and conference opinion (Service, 2013a) and Findings (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2013b) for the Stanford University Habitat Conservation Plan (Revised March 2013).

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